

weather report

44°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 39 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 13 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.03 inches and steady
- Record High 66° (1921)
- Record Low -19° (1961)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 53°
- Low 20°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 20s, winds northwest 15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high mid 50s, low mid 20s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny, high upper 50s, low upper 20s. Sunday: mostly clear, high mid 50s. Monday: mostly clear, high mid 50s, low upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.65 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.68
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.45 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.24
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.22 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.24 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.11
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.05 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$16

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Cardinal may face questions

NEWTON, Mass. — Cardinal Bernard Law, facing a chorus of voices calling for his resignation, could also be facing questions from a grand jury about his supervision of priests accused of child sexual abuse.

Law and seven bishops who worked for him were subpoenaed last week to appear before a grand jury looking into possible criminal violations by church officials in their supervision of accused priests, a source confirmed today to the Associated Press.

State police from the office of Attorney General Thomas Reilly delivered Law's subpoena to his Boston residence Friday, the *Boston Globe* first reported. The following day, Law flew to Rome, where he was still meeting with church leaders at the Vatican amid speculation he may resign or get approval to declare bankruptcy.

Deputy nabs fugitive after wait in dark

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Colby Free Press

COLBY — It took 12 hours, but Colby lawmen finally got their man.

Eric Erickson, 54, wanted on a federal warrant, was lounging in the Thomas County Jail this morning after eluding deputies and other officers south of town for more than half a day.

Thomas County Sheriff Tom Jones said that the manhunt started when one of his deputies, Rod Taylor, stopped the man on Interstate 70 near the K-25 interchange about 12:40 p.m.

Taylor said Erickson was unable to produce identification or the registration for the vehicle. He asked the man to get out of the car, but the fugitive allegedly hit the accelerator, flipped a U-turn and headed south on K-25.

Jones said Taylor reported the chase and pursued Erickson, who was driving a 1995 Cadillac at speeds well over 100 miles per hour. Officers in Logan County were alerted that the chase was headed that way. State troopers also joined the chase.

The chase continued south to the county line, where the road curves sharply. At that point, Erickson left the roadway and continued to drive west across a field.

Jones said that once his vehicle stopped near a farmstead, Erickson jumped out and ran into a tree row. He said when officers got to the car, it showed damage from driving through several fences.

"Officers quickly set up a perimeter to confine him to the smallest area possible," said Jones. "They did a cursory search of the area and found the home to be unoccupied."

Logan County Sheriff Pat Parsons said today that the homeowners, Paul Ritter and his wife, were notified at work in Oakley on Wednesday afternoon of the situation at their farm.

Other nearby residents were also told of the manhunt and announcements were played over radio stations, warning people that Erickson was consid-

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Topside tips off today at the Max

The 14th annual Topside Tip-off basketball tournament begins today, with the Cowboys seeking their second win of the season and the Cowgirls hoping to keep the momentum going from wins over Imperial and Burlington.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls could face teams from Holyoke, Wray and Burlington in Colorado, McCook and Morrill in Nebraska and Garden City and Ottawa from Kansas.

The first game for the girls will pit Burlington against Garden City at 2 p.m. today at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The McCook boys will face Morrill in a Nebraska showdown at the 4 p.m. at the fieldhouse.

The Wray boys will face Ottawa at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym while the Wray girls face Ottawa in the junior high gym at 4 p.m..

The Cowgirls take on Holyoke at 6 p.m. at the fieldhouse while the Burlington boys face Garden City in the junior high gym.

The 8 p.m. matchups have the Cowboys against Holyoke at the fieldhouse while the Morrill girls face McCook in a Nebraska showdown in the junior high gym.

Friday at 2 p.m., the winners of the girls Burlington versus Garden City and Wray versus Ottawa games will

play in the fieldhouse while the losers play in the junior high gym.

At 4 p.m., the boys winners of the McCook versus Morrill and Wray against Ottawa games will play at the fieldhouse while the losers play in the junior high gym.

The 6 p.m. matchups will have the winners of the Cowgirls versus Holyoke and the Morrill versus McCook games competing in the fieldhouse while the losers battle in the junior high gym.

At 8 p.m., the winners of the Cowboys against Holyoke and Burlington versus Garden City will face off in the fieldhouse while the losers compete in the junior high gym.

Saturday's first game will be at 11 a.m., when the girls compete for third place in the fieldhouse and for seventh in the junior high gym at 11 p.m..

The boys third place consolation match will be at 3 p.m. in the junior high gym while the seventh place match is played in the fieldhouse at 1 p.m.

The boys fifth place game will be at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse while the girls fifth place game in the junior high gym at 1 p.m.

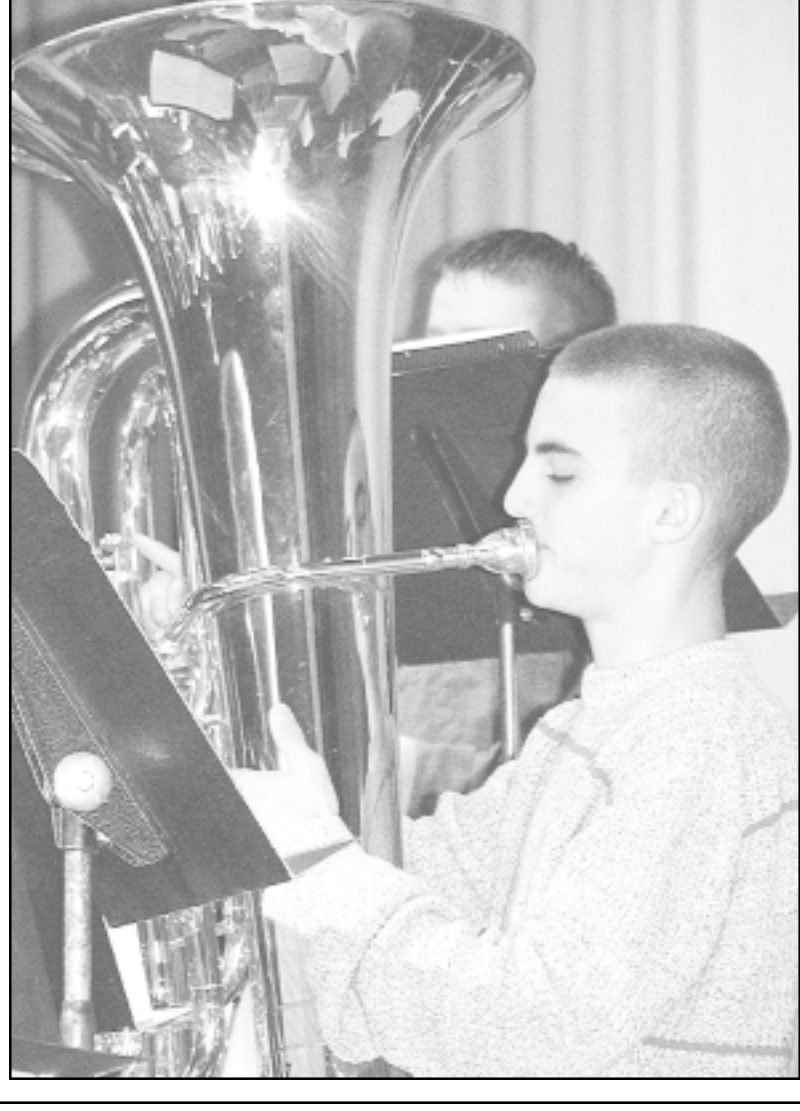
The girls championship game will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in the fieldhouse and the boys will follow at 7 p.m.



Mustangs blow a tune

The Grant Junior High eighth-grade band gave its winter program Tuesday. Ashley Cebula, Vanesa Crotinger and Sandy Johnson (above) played their saxophones under the direction of Deandra Wirth (below). Brandon Zelfer (right) played the tuba as the band performed "Blue Ridge Overture."

Photos by Tom Betz / the Goodland Daily News



Judge questions basis for secret sessions by Sebelius teams

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — An attorney for news organizations argued today that Gov.-elect Kathleen Sebelius' transition office is a state agency, requiring her top-to-bottom government review to be conducted in the open.

Mike Merriam told Shawnee County District Judge Eric Rosen that the public has the right to know what is being discussed by advisory groups

established by its elected leaders. Sebelius was elected governor Nov. 5 and takes office Jan. 13.

Merriam said the press serves as a surrogate for the public and that the Kansas Open Meetings Act requires that government is conducted in the light of day.

But Steve Phillips, an assistant attorney general representing Sebelius, argued that the governor-elect does not yet have the powers reserved to the governor once elected, including granting

pardons or compelling state employees to carry out her policies. The meetings law does not apply to her transition team, he said.

The Associated Press, Kansas Press Association, Kansas Association of Broadcasters and 11 newspapers sued Sebelius and her transition office over closed meetings by government review teams.

A hallmark of Sebelius' campaign was her promise for a review of state government to iden-

tify problem areas and potential savings. She created five review teams that have met 18 times to discuss problems and report to the transition office. One final meeting, of a team set up to review economic development agencies, was held today.

Merriam said the open meetings act is an extension of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, designed to protect free speech and the public's

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Contest has its first \$50 winners

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland merchants will be giving away \$2,000 at a drawing next week-end, climaxing the fifth annual Christmas on Us contest, which has already meant \$50 in extra holiday money for nine lucky people.

The final round of "instant winner" ticket numbers is in today's *Goodland Daily News*, and there is one \$50 instant prize remaining. The first person with a winning number to come into the



Calli McDaniel



Glenn Phillips

newspaper office will claim the prize.

The drawing for a \$1,500 grand prize and a \$500 second prize will start at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in front of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office, 104 W. 11th. If the weather is bad, the event will be moved to the Central Elementary School gymnasium. All prizes will be paid in scrip, which can be spent only at sponsoring Goodland businesses.

Winners must be present, but organizers say the drawing should be fun for everyone.



Jay Sharp



Jean Hallagin



Kelly Hillman



Susan Jensen

The contest, sponsored by Goodland merchants, started in mid-November, with participating businesses handing out one ticket for each \$10 spent on products or services. Shoppers could collect up to 250 tickets per transaction. Over the past three weeks, there have

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